

**HULMEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 2, 2016**

The regular monthly meeting of the Hulmeville Borough Council was held on the above date at the Borough Hall, 321 Main Street.

**Councilmember's Present**

Thomas Wheeler, President  
Raymond Johnson, Vice President  
Judy Coleman  
Dan Mandolesi  
Mayor Dave Harris  
Dale Walton Jr.  
Nick Lodise  
Debbie Mahon

**Staff in Attendance**

Solicitor Robert DeBias  
Secretary Dorothy Omietanski  
Treasurer Diane McKairnes  
Authority Chair Jim Clark  
Water & Sewer Clerk Pat Slater  
HHS President Marce Heald  
Fire Marshal Bill Wheeler

**Councilmember's Absent:** none

**Staff Absent:** Police Chief Bob Juno

**Guests in Attendance:** Eric Schmid, Carla Catalanotti, Patricia Taggart, Ron Robbins, Angelo Menta, Malory Menta and Sheri Wheeler

**Call to Order:** Mr. Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:39pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes:** Motion made by Ms. Mahon seconded by Mr. Lodise to approve the minutes of January 4 and 19, 2016; Motion passed with all in favor 7-0-0.

**Public Comment:**

- It was brought to council's attention that during the snow storm CDU, our plowing company, damaged three sections of the playground fence at borough hall. The original installer came and provided a price of \$775 to make the needed repairs to the fence.

**Police Report:**

- Mr. Johnson read the report for the month of January 2016: 15 Incidents, 6 Traffic, 10 Parking, 2 Accidents, 5 Assists, 2 Summary, 0 Criminal, 10 District Court, 4 County Court, 0 EMS for a total hours worked: 199, Total Salary \$4,308.40.
- Chief Juno provided three quotes for the new police vehicle – \$37,500, \$38,000 and \$40,000. Mr. DeBias will contact Jeff at RDA regarding the contract and inform him that the borough is ready to make their purchase.

**Motion made by Mr. Johnson seconded by Mr. Lodise to authorize the purchase of a new police vehicle at a price not to exceed \$40,000; Motion passed with all in favor 7-0-0.**

- Chief Juno has submitted a request to purchase racks to be placed in the garage for storage of records. Currently the records are being housed in the basement of borough hall and it is too damp there to continue to store them there.

**Water Authority:**

- New member – A new member has been selected for the Water Authority. Mr. Clark would like to present to council Malory Menta of 218 Main Street for the position.

**Motion made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mr. Walton to accept Malory Menta as a member of the Water Authority for a term of 5 years; Motion passed with all in favor 7-0-0.**

- Act 537 Plan – Mr. Clark received, from Carroll Engineering, the revisions that BCWSA made to Hulmeville’s Act 537 Plan. He just received the revisions, but at first glance it does not appear to him that any major changes were made. Mr. Clark would like to get started on the plan, but hesitates to do so until he has received final confirmation that the plan has been accepted as proposed. He does not want to purchase meters or sewer caps until the authorities have told him his plan is good.
- Goals for Year – Mr. Clark would like to select a new engineering firm this year sooner than later. They have three companies that they are considering, and will be interviewing them soon. Mr. Clark would also like to move forward with the meter replacement program. He has had a conversation with John Butler at BCWSA. Mr. Butler did provide a quote for services that included replacement and reading so he needs to have further conversations with him.
- Glace and Associates submitted a bill for \$3,812.62.
- A discussion was started regarding the water issue in Flint MI. Mr. Clark explained to council that we receive our water from BCWSA, and that Hulmeville Water Authority does test the water.
- The Water Authority’s reorganization meeting took place last week. Mr. Clark did accept the position of Authority Chair.

**Fire Marshal:**

- The Fire Marshal brought to council’s attention that the county is requesting every municipality to submit any costs related to the snow storm. The county did issue a state of emergency and any costs should be submitted to them. The Fire Marshal would submit the snow plow statement for \$6,550.

**Borough Property:**

- Borough Wall - Mr. Mandolesi contacted the mason regarding the work on the stone wall. He asked that the work be postponed until warmer weather.

**Trash:** no report

**Streets:**

- Mr. Lodise did examine the streets after the snow storm, and reported that they all looked good. He did notice that some residents along Washington Ave did shovel snow into the street, but the plow did come by again and cleared it away. There are, however, some issues regarding cars parking on the street especially McCarthy Drive. People who live along Bellevue Ave seem to be moving their cars to McCarthy Drive during the snow emergency. The amount of cars that were parked at the curb along McCarthy made it extremely difficult for the snow plow to maneuver down the street. Council may need to draft an ordinance to

address this problem. Ms. Mahon also wanted to point out that the sidewalks by the clock were not cleared.

- Main Street & Trenton – Mr. DeBias did draft a letter to Francis Hanney at Pennsylvania Department of Transportation requesting that a traffic study be completed. Mr. Wheeler confirmed that they already sent one person out to examine the intersection. The gentleman spoke to Mr. Wheeler regarding some of his initial thoughts. He pointed out that the shrubs need to be cut back and three signs need to be removed. He also said the 35 speed limit sign needs to be changed and he did not feel the wall was an issue. The man also told Mr. Wheeler that they only received 12 reportable accidents in the past 5 years which is not a lot. Council knows that more accidents have taken place, however if they are not reported they are not sent to them. Mr. DeBias also confirmed with council that you cannot clock speeds along that stretch of road because you need at least 500 feet and there is only 235 feet.
- Pre-emption device - The Fire Marshal wanted to make council aware that the device is not working for William Penn Fire Department. The way the receiver is positioned it is not catching their signal. The device may need to be moved to a different location possibly to the pole in front of the mill.
- The stop sign at the corner of Reetz & Lincoln is currently bungee corded to the fence. Mr. Lodise said he would fix it.
- Mr. Lodise explained that last month was a very busy month for street light replacement. There were 5 lights out (Ford, Washington, two on Bellevue and Michelle Court).

**Personal:** no report

**Finance:**

- Ms. Coleman just had one question for Ms. McKairnes regarding the reporting of rent for 114 Trenton Ave.
- Mr. Wheeler wanted to bring to council's attention an issue that just arose Sunday evening. Mr. Wheeler received a phone call from William Penn Fire Company, who was calling to inform him that they would not be reimbursing the Borough for the workman's compensation bill for 2015 and beyond. The bill is normally around \$26,000 per year. Mr. Wheeler explained to council the history behind the current situation that has arisen. Each municipality receives 2% fire tax, which they must give it to the local fire department. Middletown has four Fire Departments that cover their township so they take into consideration the amount that the Boroughs receive and they add it to the amount that they receive and then they divide it up so each department get the same amount each year. About four years ago Middletown decided to stop considering the amount that the Borough's receive and they just take their money and split it up evenly. Now the split is not even because of the amount of revenue some departments get from the Borough they are in. Example: William Penn gets a check from Middletown and Hulmeville Borough, but Parkland only gets a check from Middletown. Parkland viewed the actions of Middletown as a break in their contract, and stopped paying their workman's comp. insurance. In return Middletown picked up the bill for Parkland. Now four years later William Penn would like to do the same. This issue needs to be resolved.

**Motion made by Mr. Lodise seconded by Mr. Walton to authorize the President of Council, Mr. Wheeler, to contact the Township Manager at Middletown Township regarding the workman's compensation issue with William Penn Fire Company; Motion passed with all in favor 7-0-0.**

**MS4:**

- Ms. Mahon informed council that she is meeting with Mario this Wednesday to discuss MS4.

**Floodplain:** no report

**Zoning:**

- Ms. Juno submitted her report for the month of January. Her report included an email correspondence with Carla Cataonotti regarding the purchase of 227 Main Street. She also reviewed code and ordinance number 231 for property 337 Main Street, and checked the status of 1 Green Street and was able to close the case. Ms. Juno worked a total of 4 hours.

**Solicitor Report:**

**Motion made by Ms. Mahon seconded by Mr. Lodise to ratify officer Chris Dolan's rate to \$21.00 per hour retroactive to 1/1/16; Motion passed with all in favor 7-0-0.**

**Motion made by Mr. Lodise seconded by Mr. Mandolesi to extend Kiss Electric's land development application to 4/20/16; Motion passed with all in favor 7-0-0.**

**Motion made by Mr. Lodise seconded by Mr. Johnson to give the approval for Ms. Mahon to purchase four rain barrels at a total cost of \$180; Motion passed with all in favor 7-0-0.**

**Motion made by Mr. Lodise seconded by Mr. Mandolesi to approve the resolution to designate tax collector as the borough agent for the tax certification process ABD establishing fees for tax certifications and tax duplicates; Motion passed with all in favor 7-0-0.**

**Mayor:** no report

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's Report of February 1, 2016 was made available for inspection:

- **General Fund Checking** Balance as of January 1, 2016: \$ 41,327.88  
Expenses Totalled: \$ -22,565.79  
Income Totalled: \$ 27,729.24  
General Fund Checking Balance as of January 31, 2016: **\$ 46,491.33**
- **Sewer Fund Checking** Balance as of January 1, 2016: \$106,344.67  
Expenses Totalled: \$ -15,687.36  
Income Totalled: \$ 35,411.64  
Sewer Fund Checking Balance as of January 31, 2016: **\$ 126,068.95**
- **Sewer Fund PLGIT** Balance as of December 1, 2015: \$350,803.57  
Interest December \$ 30.62  
Deposit \$ 0  
Expense \$ -0  
Sewer Fund PLGIT Balance as of December 31, 2015: **\$350,834.19**
- **Highway Aid PLGIT** Balance as of December 1, 2015: \$ 22,994.21  
Interest December \$ 1.95  
Deposit \$ 0  
Expenses \$ -1,286.81  
Highway Aid PLGIT Balance as of December 31, 2015: **\$ 21,709.35**
- **General Fund PLGIT** Balance as of December 1, 2015: \$ 20,744.61  
Interest December \$ 1.20  
Deposits \$ 244.95  
Expenses Total: \$ -9,247.00  
General Fund PLGIT Balance as of December 31, 2015: **\$ 11,743.76**

**Bills:** A copy of the bill list dated February 1, 2016 was provided to Council and offered for review by the public.

- **General Fund** beginning balance as of January 19, 2016: \$ 30,824.72  
ending balance as of February 15, 2016: \$ 25,084.84
- **Sewer & Water** beginning balance as of January 25, 2016: \$ 122,973.61  
ending balance as of February 1, 2016: \$ 124,478.26
- **Highway Aid** beginning balance as of February 1, 2016: \$ 21,689.20  
ending balance as of February 1, 2016: \$ 15,139.20

**A motion was duly made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mr. Lodise and carried unanimously to approve the bill list dated February 1, 2016; motion carries 7-0-0.**

**Old Business:**

- Ms. Mahon will not be able to attend February work session so she is requesting time at the March work session to review MS4.
- Ms. Coleman noticed there were orange flags on the open space along the creek side of Main Street. Mr. Wheeler believes they were placed there by BCWSA as part of the relining project of the interceptor lines.
- Mr. Johnson did not have a chance yet to talk to the owners at 348 Main Street regarding the materials stored in their back yard.
- The Historical Society just received a letter from William Penn Fire Co regarding their request for dates. Every year the Historical Society makes a donation of \$750 to the fire department, and in return they always honor their request for 6 dates to use the firehouse for community events. Every other year they request five but this year is their 6 date's year. The letter back to them said the firehouse will honor 4 of the dates they requested – 5/18, 9/23-24 and 11/25, however if they want 4/9 and 11/5 they will need to pay an additional \$1,400. Unfortunately, the Historical Society cannot afford that fee so they will need to look somewhere else to hold the events or cancel them.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35pm; motion made by Mr. Walton seconded by Mr. Lodise.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski,  
Hulmeville Borough Secretary